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REPLY UNDER
37 CFR § 1.116

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In re Application of:)
Ross A. Caputo *et al.*) Examiner: Monzer R. Chorbaji
Serial No.: 09/901,389) Art Unit: 1744
Filed: July 9, 2001)
For: **APPARATUS FOR TESTING**)
STERILIZATION METHODS AND)
MATERIALS)

January 12, 2006

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116
INCLUDING AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 19, 2005, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or